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TITLE MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON; LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON; AZZIE LEE BRADLEY; ELLIENE COLEMAN, Victims			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: On June 4, 1943, MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON, colored, came to Monroe, Louisiana, and forced her daughter, LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON, to return to Vicksburg, Mississippi, for the purpose of prostitution. She also transported AZZIE LEE BRADLEY, colored, and ELLIENE COLEMAN, colored from Monroe, Louisiana, to Vicksburg, Mississippi, for purposes of prostitution. Daughter of subject ran away from subject on several occasions because subject made her "hustle." Subject paid for fares for all three victims. Facts presented to Assistant United States Attorney JOHN A. PATIN, Shreveport, Louisiana, who declined prosecution inasmuch as the facts did not warrant prosecution.

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DETAILS: This report is predicated upon information received from Sergeant H. L. TOLBERT, Identification Officer, Monroe Police Department, Monroe, Louisiana, who advised that the Monroe Police Department had been requested by the Vicksburg, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office to apprehend the victims in instant case on charges of larceny at Vicksburg, Mississippi. TOLBERT advised that the Monroe Police Department apprehended the victims on June 5, 1943, at which time they told him that MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON had transported them interstate for purposes of prostitution.

AT MONROE, LOUISIANA

AZZIE LEE BRADLEY, colored, 1313 Desiard Street, Monroe, Louisiana, was interviewed in the Monroe City Jail on June 10, 1943,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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in the presence of Sergeant H. L. TOLBERT, Identification Officer, Monroe, Police Department, and made the following signed statement:

"Monroe, La
June 10, 1943

I, AZZIE LEE BRADLEY, make the following signed statement to JOHN F. KEHOE Jr. whom has identified himself to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation without any threats or promises and make same on my own free will. I know that this statement can be used in the court of law.

About two years ago I met ELVIE JOHNSON and her mother, MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON, in Monroe, La. At this time, ELVIE was working as a dancer with a show that played here in Monroe, La. About two weeks after I met ELVIE, her mother came to monroe, La and ELVIE introduced her mother to me. The show left town and ELVIE quit her job and remained in Monroe, La. ELVIE soon after got a job as a dancer at the Liberty Night Club, Monroe, La ELVIE's mother stayed in Monroe, La for about two or three months at which time she went to Vicksburg, Missippi. A short while after ELVIE's mother went to Vicksburg, Mississippi she returned to Monroe, La and took ELVIE back to Vicksburg.

About a week later, ELVIE skipped out on her mother and came back to Monroe, La. At this time ELVIE didn't say why she skipped out on her mother. ELVIE then got jobs working on the stage at different places.

For a good while, ELVIE stayed in MOnroe until her mother came and brought her back to Vicksburg. About two or three weeks later ELVIE skipped out again on her mother and returned to Monroe, La. At this time, ELVIE told me that her mother had paid her, ELVIE's fare back to Vicksburg, Mississippi on the bus.

ELVIE again got jobs working on the stage at different places and lived in a room at 813 Adams St., Monroe, La. To the best of my knowledge, ELVIE was not having dates when she was in Monroe, La.

ELVIE skipped out on her mother about three times and came to Monroe, La. Shortly after ELVIE skipped out her mother would come to Monroe, La and bring her back to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

About april, 1942, ELVIE wanted to bring a girl friend to Vicksburg, Missisippi at the time that her mother was bringing her back. ELVIE's mother said that she would pay both ELVIE's and the girl friends way to Vicksburg, Mississippi. ELVIE's mother did not say anything at this time about becoming a prostitute. I stayed with ELVIE one night and then went back to Monroe, La, ELVIE's mother paying the return trip. I was accompanied on this trip by ELVIE and her mother.

ELVIE's mother stayed in Monroe, La about two or three months at which time she returned to Vicksburg alone. Since that time, ELVIE's mother has returned to Monroe, La and forced ELVIE to go to Vicksburg with her.

Last Friday, June 4, 1943, ELVIE's mother came to Monroe, La. I went down to ELVIE's house on Friday night, June 4, 1943, about 8:30 PM and ELVIE, her mother, and ALLIENNE COLEMAN were there. ELVIE was packing clothes when I got there and ELVIE's mother asked the COLEMAN girl and myself if we wanted to go to Vicksburg Mississippi. She said that she would pay our fare over there provided that we hustle and have intercourse with men and giver her part of the money we obtained hustling. The COLEMAN girl and myself agreed to do this.

About 11:00 P.M. Friday June 4, 1943 ELVIE's mother bought four bus tickets at the Tri-state Transit Co, Monroe, La for ELVIE, the COLEMAN girl, myself, and herself. We boarded the bus at Monroe, La about 11:00 PM and left for Vicksburg, Mississippi.

We arrived in Vicksburg, Mississippi about 1:30 the next morning and went to ELVIE's mother's room on Clay Street where we slept that night.

The next night, Saturday, Juen 5, 1943, I started filling dates and having intercourse with colored soldiers for $3.00 a date. When I had a date I gave the $3.00 to ELVIA's mother. The whole time I was in Vicksburg, Mississippi I had about 3 or 4 dates and each time I gave the whole $3.00 to ELVIE's mother. She gave me back $2.00 when I left Vicksburg, Mississippi on the Tri-state bus, Monday, June 7, 1943 at 6:00 A.M. in order to return to Monroe, La.

The COLEMAN girl and ELVIE JOHNSON came back to Monroe, La the same time that I did. I saw the COLEMAN girl turn over $4.00 to ELVIE's mother, and I know that she and ELVIE were filling dates.

We left Vicksburg, Mississippi because ELVIE's mother had gotten drunk Sunday night and had a fight with ELVIE.

The above statement was read to me by JOHN F. KEHOE JR and I know the same to be true. This statement cnsists of one page.

(SIGNED) AZZIE LEE BRADLEY

__Witnesses__
Sergt HUGH L. TOLBERT
Monroe Police Dept

JOHN F. KEHOE JR
Dept of Justice
Spec Agent - FBI
New Orleans, La"

The following is a description of AZZIE LEE BRADLEY:

Date of birth	September 6, 1922
Place of birth	Monroe, Louisiana
Height	5' 2"
Weight	130
Eyes	Black
Hair	Black
Race	Colored
Scars	Two stap scars on upper left arm
Occupation	Maid
Education	Completed 8th grade, Monroe Colored High School
RELATIVES:	MARY JOHNSON, 504 N. 10th Street HELEN BRADLEY, 604 N. 10th Street JIM BRADLEY, brother, unknown address, Monroe, La. MAGALENE BRADLEY, 305 S. 15th Street JIM BRADLEY, father, 604 N. 10th Street

ELLIENE COLEMAN' 100 block, Desiard Avenue, was interviewed at the Monroe City Jail on June 10, 1943, in the presence of Sergeant H. L. TOLBERT, Identification Officer, Monroe, Police Department, Monroe, Louisiana, and made the following signed statement:

[illegible], La
June 10, 1943

I, ELLIENE COLEMAN, make the following signed statement to JOHN F. KEHOE JR. who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation without any threats or promises and make same on my own free will. I know that this statement can be used in the court of law.

I metELVIE JOHNSON about two years ago when she came to Monroe, La. She was then employed in a show that came to Monroe, La and after the show left town ELVIE remained here a got a jod as a dancer at the Liberty Night club, Monroe, La.

I met ELVIE's mother about one year ago when she came from Vicksburg, Mississippi to get ELVIE out of jail. ELVIE was released from jail and they went back to Vicksburg. The following day they returned to Monroe, La and were again picked up by the Police and put in jail.

On thursday night, June 3, 1943, ELVIE's mother came to Monroe, La and came to the cafe on Adams St,. where ELVIE, AZZIE LEE and myself were. She told ELVIE to pack her clothes as she was going to take her, ELVIE back to Vicksburg. At this time, we left the cafe and went to ELVIE's room. While at the room, I suggested that AZZIE LEE and myself go partway to the bus station with them. At this time ELVIE's mother, MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON, told me that she wanted me to go with them to vicksburg, Mississippi. She had told me before that she wanted AZZIE LEE and myself to go to Vicksburg where we could make a lot of money. I knew by this statement that she wanted us to go over there and hustle or fill dates. for she told us this earlier the same evening. AZZIE LEE and myself both agreed to go to Vicksburg. Thereafter AZZIE LEE and myself went home to get some clothes ELVIE and her mother went with us to get the clothes.

After we got the clothes, we went to the Tri-State bus station where ELVIE's mother bought our tickets.

We left Monroe, La at 2:00 AM, Friday, June 4, 1943 on the Tri-State Bus Lines. We arrived in Vicksburg the same morning at 5:00 AM, had breakfast and went to ELVIE's mother's room address unknown to me, and we all went to bed.

On Saturday, Juen 5, 1943, I started filling dates and having intercourse with colored soldiers for $5.00 a date. The whole time that I was in Vicksburg, Mississippi I had 5 dates. I gave $4.00 of this money to ELVIE's mother.

We left Vicksburg on Monday, June 7, 1943 at 6:00 AM and arrived in Monroe, La. about 8:00 AM the same morning. We left Vicksburg because ELVIE's mother got drunk and cussed us out.

The above statement consisting of one page was read to me by JOHN F. KEHOE JR. and I know the same to be true.

(SIGNED) (Illegible)

Sergt. HUGH L. TOLBERT
Monroe Police Dept

JOHN F. KEHOE JR
Dept of Justice
Special Agent - FBI - New Orleans La"

A description of ELLIENE COLEMAN is as follows:

Date of birth	May 18, 1928
Place of birth	Curtis, Ark.
Height	5' 4"
Weight	130
Race	Colored
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
Scars and marks	Upper left forehead; two-inch scar right forearm just below elbow
Education	Completed 6th grade, Colored High School, Monroe
RELATIVES:	None

LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON was interviewed in the Monroe City Jail on June 10, 1943, in the presence of Sergeant H. L. TOLBERT, Identification Officer, Monroe, Louisiana, and made the following signed statement:

"Monroe, La
June 10, 1943

I, LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON, make the following statement to JOHN F. KEHOE JR. whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation without any threats or promises and make same on my own free will. I know that this statement can be used in the court of law.

On Friday, June 4, 1943, my mother, MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON, came from Vicksburg, Mississippi to Monroe, La and met me at the cafe located on Adams St. Monroe,. At this time, ELLIENE COLEMAN and AZZIE LEE BRADLEY were at the cafe with me. My mother told me that she came after me and was going to bring me back to Vicksburg, Miss. AZZIE LEE and ELLIENE were broke and they wanted to go to Vicksburg. My mother told them that she would let them have the money for their fare to Vicksburg. My mother AZZIE LEE and ELLIENE had more conversation between them which I Did not hear.

The only reason that my mother wanted me to go to Vicksburg Mississippi was to hustle and have intercourse. My mother practically forced me to go by saying that if I didn't go she would get the police to make me go. I thought that she could have the police make me go because I have been in the Monroe, La City jail three times.

We left Monroe, La around two o'clock the morning of June 5, 1943 on the Tri-State bus lines. My mother paid the fares of AZZIE LEE, ELLIENE, and myself. We arrived around 5 AM the same morning in Vicksburg, Mississippi at which time we all went to my mother's room at 608 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi. and slept.

I had about 4 or 5 dates from the time that I left Monroe, La on June 5, 1943 until I left Vicksburg, Miss. I was collecting $5.00 for each date and my mother would take $2.00 from me. All these dates took place at 608 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

We left Vicksburg for Monroe, La at 6:00 AM, June 7, 1943 on the Tri-state bus. I left Vicksburg because my mother was making me hustle and cussing me out.

On June 22, 1942 and around April 22, 1943 my mother came to Monroe, La and brought me back to Vicksburg to hustle. Each time she payed my fare on the Tri-State bus. I have run away from my mother on several occasions because she made me hustle.

The above statement was read to me by JOHN F. KEHOE Jr. It consists of one page and I know the same to be true.

(SIGNED) LIZZIE VICTORY JOHNSON

Witnesses
Sergt HUGH L. TOLBERT
Monroe Police Dept.

JOHN F. KEHOE JR
Dept of Justice
Spec. Agent - FBI
New Orleans, La"

The following is a description of LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON:

Date of birth June 16, 1924

Place of birth	Clarksdale, Mississippi
Height	5' 5"
Weight	125
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Black
Complexion	Brown
Race	Colored
Occupation	Prostitute
Scars and marks	Raised scar on right side of throat; tattoos on lower left arm of a heart with the initials "W.B."; tattoo of heart on lower right arm

RELATIVES:

Mother	MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON, 608 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Miss.

The facts in instant case were presented to JOHN A. PATIN, Assistant United States Attorney, Shreveport, Louisiana, who declined prosecution inasmuch as the facts do not warrant prosecution.

PENDING

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE JACKSON FIELD DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will present the facts of instant case to the United States Attorney and if he authorizes prosecution will obtain a signed statement from subject and thereafter conduct appropriate investigation to corroborate statements of subject and victims.

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Date: July 26, 1943

TO: SAC, Jackson

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON
LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON, ET AL, VICTIM
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John F. Kehoe dated June 16, 1943, at New Orleans, Louisiana, in which a lead is set out for the Jackson Field Division to present the facts of this case to the United States Attorney at Jackson, Mississippi. This case appears to be one involving a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act of a commercial nature and it is accordingly requested that the lead in reference report be afforded expeditious attention and a report submitted by your Office in the very near future.

Mr. Tolson ____
Mr. E. A. Tamm ____
Mr. Clegg ____
Mr. Coffey ____
Mr. Glavin ____
Mr. Ladd ____
Mr. Nichols ____
Mr. Rosen ____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New Orleans, Louisiana
June 16, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: MARY ELIZABETH [illegible], et al
WSTA

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JOHN F. [illegible], JR., New Orleans, dated June 12, 1943, New Orleans File [illegible].

It is noted that Assistant United States Attorney [illegible] A. [illegible], Shreveport, Louisiana declined prosecution in that the facts did not warrant prosecution. [illegible] confidentially stated to the writer of reference report that he declined prosecution inasmuch as he thought "the case would be laughed out of court, as the subject and victims are colored."

It would definitely appear that all elements, such as commercialism, interstate transportation, and aggravated circumstances would warrant prosecution in this case if present. It should be noted that the victims were transported by common carrier.

In view of these facts, it is thought that the Bureau may desire to give consideration in suggesting to the Department that this is a case in which prosecution would be definitely warranted.

Very truly yours,

R. A. [illegible]
Special Agent in Charge

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] JUN [illegible] 1943

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NEW ORLEANS, LA. File No. 31-[illegible]

JACKSON, MISS.	[illegible]	[illegible]/43	ROBERT D. [illegible]	[illegible]
MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP, alias Mary Elizabeth [illegible]; [illegible] HUNT, alias "[illegible]"; [illegible] VIRGINIA [illegible], with aliases, [illegible], L. V.; [illegible]; [illegible] - VICTIMS			WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Victims returned from Monroe, La. to Vicksburg, Miss., and placed in Warren County Jail. Signed statements obtained from victims reflecting that subject DUNLAP paid transportation from Monroe, La. to Vicksburg, Miss. All victims practiced prostitution in house operated by subject HUNT in Vicksburg. Both subjects picked up by PD, Vicksburg. Both subjects interviewed, and they denied victims were transported for immoral purposes. Authorized complaint filed before USC, Vicksburg, Miss. on 6/7/43; hearing held same date before USC, Vicksburg. Both subjects placed on $[illegible] bond after pleas of guilty. Criminal records of subjects set out.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN P. [illegible], JR., dated June 16, 1943, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

DETAILS: The title of this report is being marked changed to add the true and correct name of subject MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP, instead of MARY ELIZABETH [illegible]. Subject DUNLAP'S true name was furnished to the writer through interview. The title is also being changed to add another subject, [illegible] HUNT, alias "[illegible]", whose name was furnished by the victims in this case. The title is further marked changed to add the aliases of [illegible] VIRGINIA [illegible], which are [illegible] and L. V.

AT VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

This office was telephonically contacted by Sheriff J. B.

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1 - Jackson

[illegible], Warren County, Vicksburg, Mississippi on June 7, 1943, and advised that he was going to release the victims, who had been apprehended at Monroe, Louisiana on a warrant charging them with the theft of wearing apparel, which was the property of subject DUNLAP.

The writer contacted Sheriff [illegible], and he advised that subject DUNLAP and a negro man, who was unknown to him, had come to his office on June 15, 1943, and asked him to drop the charges against the victims for stealing the wearing apparel of subject DUNLAP. Sheriff [illegible] refused to drop the charges at that time. He had discussed this case with the County Attorney, who had advised him that he did not believe he had enough evidence to obtain a conviction. Sheriff [illegible] further requested that he require this negro man, who was from Monroe, Louisiana, to pay $36.00 for the cost of the Court, and for expenses in bringing the victims from Monroe to Vicksburg. He also stated he had placed MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP in the Warren County Jail on a charge of investigation, and said he was going to release victims that same day due to the fact that there was not enough evidence to convict them. The Sheriff also stated that he had picked subject [illegible] up on a charge of investigation on the morning of June 17, 1943, and he was presently incarcerated in the Warren County Jail.

Victim ANNIE LEE BRADLEY, colored, 1313 Desiard Street, Monroe, Louisiana, was interviewed on June 17, 1943 in the Warren County Jail in the presence of J. O. [illegible], Warren County Jailor, and she gave the following signed statement:

"Vicksburg, Miss.
June 17, 1943

"I, Annie Bradley, freely and voluntarily make the following statement to Ernest B. Sheffield who has identified himself to be a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, No threats, Promises or reward or other inducements having been offered to me in order to secure this statement, which I make knowing the same may be used in court.

"I am 19 years of age, born September 6, 1923, at Monroe, La. I have lived at Monroe all of my life. I have been working as a domestic servant for the past two or three years and have never worked in a house of prostitution in my life. On June 5, 1943 myself, Elsie Johnson and Willie Coleman was in a cafe, located on [illegible] Street, Monroe La.. At which time Elsie's mother Mary Dunlap came into the cafe and told Elsie that she wanted her to come back to Vicksburg, Miss. with her. Elsie agreed to go with her, and asked me and Willie to go with her. So the three of us got our clothes and went to the bus station, where Mary Dunlap bought all of our tickets. We then came to Vicksburg and went to a place on Clay Street, which is operated by a negro man by the name of "Regular". We arrived at Vicksburg on June 4, 1943 and I filled three dates with colored men, which I received $1.00 for each date. The man whom I filled the date with would give "Regular" one dollar for the room. When we came to the house "Regular" told me to get the men to buy drinks of whiskey from him, which we did. On June 5, 1943 Mary Dunlap got a hint that we were leaving and she cussed us all out, and tried to get us not to leave. Then on the morning of June 6th, Elsie Johnson, Elline and myself, left "Regulars" place and caught a bus to Monroe, La. Then on June 7th, all three of us was picked up by the Monroe, La Police Department, and Mr. [illegible], Sheriff of Warren County came to Monroe and took us back and place us in the Warren County Jail at Vicksburg.

"I acknowledge these statements by signing this sheet, freely and voluntary, without fear, force, offer or promise of reward.

"ANNIE LEE BRADLEY"

"Witnesses

"ERNEST D. SHEFFIELD, Special Agent F.B.I., Jackson, Miss.
"J. C. [illegible], Warren Co. Jailor"

In addition to the information furnished in the above signed statement, ANNIE LEE BRADLEY advised during the Commissioner's hearing that subject HUNT knew that all of the victims had come from Monroe, Louisiana to Vicksburg, Mississippi with subject DUNLAP.

It was noted by the writer that victim BRADLEY fit the description as set out in reference report.

ELAINE COLEMAN was interviewed in the Warren County Jail, Vicksburg, Mississippi on June 17, 1943, in the presence of J. C. [illegible], Warren County Jailor, and the following signed statement was obtained:

"Vicksburg, Miss.
June 17, 1943

"I, ELAINE COLEMAN, freely and voluntarily make the following statement to Ernest D. Sheffield, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats, promises or reward or other inducements having been offered to me in order to secure this statement, which I make knowing the same can be used against me.

"I am 18 years of age born May [illegible], 1925, at [illegible], Arkansas. I have been living at Monroe, La. for the past five years. I was working at the Air Port at Monroe, La. as a waitress for two or three weeks, prior to June 3, 1943.

On June 1, 1943, myself, Annie Bradley and Elsie Johnson was in a Cafe, located on Adams Street, Monroe La. at which time Elsie's mother Mary Dunlap came into the cafe and told Elsie that she wanted her to come back to Vicksburg, Miss., with her. Elsie agreed to go to Vicksburg with her. At the time Mary Dunlap asked me and Annie Bradley to go to Vicksburg with her, as we could make good money over there. I knew what she was talking about making good money. I knew that she wanted us to fill dates with men for money. Annie, Elsie and myself agreed to go to Vicksburg, with Mary. We got our clothes and went to the bus Station, where Mary bought tickets for Elsie and myself and Annie. We then came to Vicksburg and went to a place on Clay Street, which is operated by a Negro man named "Regular". We arrived at Vicksburg on June 2, 1943, and I filled 5 dates for $5.00 each from the 3rd of June to the 6th of June. I gave Mary $4.00 on June 3, for buying the bus ticket from Monroe, La. to Vicksburg, Miss. While staying at Regular's place the men who I filled the date with, would give regular one dollar for the room. "Regular" told all of us in the house to get the men to buy drinks of whiskey. On June 5, 1943, Mary Dunlap got a hint that we were leaving and she cussed us all out, and tried to get us not to leave. Then on the morning of June 6th, Elsie Johnson, Annie Bradley and myself left the house and caught a bus to Monroe, La. Then on June 9th, all three of us was picked up by the Monroe, La. Police Department, and Mr. [illegible], Sheriff of Warren County came to Monroe and taken us back to the Warren County Jail at Vicksburg.

"I acknowledge these statements by signing this sheet, freely, and voluntary, without fear, force, offer or promise of reward.

"[illegible] COLEMAN

"Witnesses

[illegible], Special Agent F.B.I., Jackson, Miss.

J. C. [illegible], Warren Co. Jailer"

In addition to the information furnished in the above signed statement, [illegible] COLEMAN advised during the Commissioner's hearing that subject [illegible] knew that all of the victims had come from Monroe, Louisiana to Vicksburg, Mississippi with subject DUNLAP.

It was noted by the writer that [illegible] COLEMAN fit the description for her as set out in reference report.

ELSIE JOHNSON was interviewed in the Warren County Jail, Vicksburg, Mississippi on June 17, 1943, in the presence of J. C. [illegible], Warren County Jailer, and the following signed statement was obtained:

Vicksburg, Miss.
June 17, 1943

"I Elsie Johnson, freely and voluntarily make the following statement to Ernest D. Schofield, who has identified himself to me a Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats, promises or reward or other inducements having been offered to me in order to secure this statement, which I make knowing the same can be used against me.

"I am 19 years of age, born June 16, 1924 at Clarendale, Miss. I have been living at Monroe La. for about 10 months. I have been working in Cafe's in Monroe, La. for the past two or three months. I have never worked in a house of prostitution in my life. I have had dates with men, but do not consider myself a common hustler. On June 3, 1943 myself, Willie Coleman and Annie Bradley was sitting in a Cafe on Adams Street at Monroe, La. when my Mother Mary Beasley came in and wanted me to go to Vicksburg, Mississippi with her. I agreed to go with her, because I had been to Vicksburg about three weeks before and left my clothes in her care. I did not hustle while I was in Vicksburg the first time. At the time Willie Coleman and Annie Bradley wanted to go to Vicksburg with me. We all got our clothes and went to the Bus Station, where my Mother Mary Coleman bought our tickets to Vicksburg. We arrived at Vicksburg and went to a house operated by a negro man by the name of "Regular" who advised us that he wanted us to fill dates with men for money, and he also wanted us to [illegible] men to buy whiskey from him. I filled three dates with colored men, from one man I received $1.00 and $3.00 from the other two men. The men also paid Regular $1.00 for the room that we used. I gave "Regular" all of this money and he would not give it back to me. From on June 5, 1943 a bunch of white soldiers started coming into "Regular's" place and I got scared and wanted to leave, because I thought that I would get into trouble about having dates with white soldiers. So the next morning I got my clothes together and left Regular's with Willie Coleman and Annie Bradley. We bought tickets to Monroe, La and rode the bus to Monroe. All three of us was picked up by the Monroe Police Department and placed in jail. Then Mr. Robinson came over to Monroe and carried [illegible] to Vicksburg and placed me in the Warren County Jail, charged with stealing some of my mother's clothes.

"I acknowledge these statements by signing this sheet freely and voluntary, without fear, force, offer or promise of reward.

[illegible] Johnson

Witnesses:
ERNEST D. SCHOFIELD, Special Agent, FBI, Jackson, Miss.
J. C. [illegible], Warren Co. Jailer"

In addition to the information furnished in the above signed statement, victim JENKINS advised during the Commissioner's hearing that subject HUNT knew that all of the victims had come from Monroe, Louisiana to Vicksburg, Mississippi with subject DUNLAP.

It was noted by the writer that victim JENKINS fit her description as set out in reference report.

The writer contacted and interviewed subject HUNT at the Warren County Jail in the presence of J. O. BARNES, Warren County Jailer, who advised that he had been living in Vicksburg, Mississippi for the past 24 years, and during this time he has been employed very little. He stated he has been operating a rooming house most of the time while living in Vicksburg as he was not physically able to do manual labor. He advised that on June 2, 1943, subject DUNLAP contacted him and wanted him to let her have some money to go to Monroe, Louisiana to get her daughter, LITTIE VICTORIA, and bring her back to Vicksburg. He said that "L.V." had come to his rooming house prior to June 2, 1943, with her mother, the subject, but had left about a week prior to June 2, and went to Monroe, Louisiana. He stated that he loaned subject DUNLAP $10.00 to go get her daughter in Monroe. He stated, however, that he did not tell subject DUNLAP to bring her daughter back to his rooming house. He said that he loaned subject DUNLAP this $10.00 due to the fact that she was "sweet" on a negro man who worked for a lumber company at Vicksburg, and he knew that this negro man would pay her this $10.00. He advised, however, that he could not furnish the name of this negro.

Subject HUNT further stated that subject DUNLAP brought her daughter and two other colored girls to his house on June 3, 1943. He did not know the other two girls were from Monroe, Louisiana, and said that he did not know the girls were having dates for money, and that he did not receive any money from the girls other than the room rent that was due him.

At the time of the interview subject HUNT was fingerprinted by the writer, and his prints were forwarded to the Bureau with a request for a criminal record. Under date of July 1, 1943, the following criminal record of subject HUNT was furnished by the Bureau, under FBI #[illegible]:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Vicksburg, Miss.	Louis Hunt, #___	3-6-34	D. and D.	Rel
USM, Jackson, Miss.	Louis Hunt, #___	6-17-43	WSTA	$[illegible] bond to G. J.

Mr. CHARLES [illegible], Vicksburg, Mississippi checked his records, which reflected that subject HUNT had been arrested on many occasions. His record with the Vicksburg Police Department is as follows:

As "Regular" Louis Hunt, arr. 1-17-43, Chg. Vag. Disp. $[illegible] fine, 15 days;

As "Regular" Louis Hunt, arr. 1-15-42, Chg. Gaming, Disp. $[illegible] fine;

As "Regular" Louis Hunt, arr. [illegible], Chg. A & B, Disp. $[illegible] fine;

As "Regular" Louis Hunt, arr. [illegible]. Chg. Disorderly house, Disp. $17.50 fine;

As "Regular" Louis Hunt, arr. [illegible], Chg. Disorderly conduct. Disp. $[illegible] fine;

As "Regular" Louis Hunt, arr. 3-10-40. Chg. Gaming, Disp. discharged;

As "Regular Louis Hunt, arr. [illegible]. Chg. Gaming. Disp. $25.00 fine;

As "Regular" Louis Hunt, arr. [illegible], Chg. assault. Disp. $10.00 fine;

As "Regular" Louis Hunt, arr. 7-11-38, Chg. F. L. Disp. Fine $25.00;

As "Regular" Louis Hunt, arr. [illegible]. Chg. Gaming. Disp. fine $[illegible].

Subject MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP was interviewed in the Warren County Jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi in the presence of Mr. W. M. BARNES, Jailer, and she advised that she was married to a negro by the name of [illegible] DUNLAP, and she advised that she was married [illegible] of Courtland, Mississippi. She stated [illegible] for Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] of Courtland, Mississippi [illegible] about May 15, 1943, that her daughter, LIZZIE [illegible], wrote her a letter [illegible] and was incarcerated in [illegible] stating that she was in trouble in Monroe, Louisiana, and she went to Monroe and paid a $[illegible] fine [illegible] the City Jail there. She stated that she [illegible] for her daughter and brought her back to Vicksburg, where they stayed at subject HUNT's rooming house at [illegible] Clay Street. She stated that she and her daughter stayed at this rooming house for about two weeks, and about that time LIZZIE [illegible] of this rooming house [illegible] after they had had an argument about going [illegible] to the subject's home at Courtland, Mississippi.

Subject DUNLAP further advised that she contacted subject HUNT and asked him to lend her enough money to go to Monroe again and get her daughter. Subject HUNT loaned her $[illegible], and told her at this time to bring her daughter back to Vicksburg, and get any other girls that she could in Monroe and bring them to the rooming house. She advised she knew for what purpose subject HUNT wanted the girls. She further advised she knew that subject HUNT [illegible] and that they would have dates with white and negro men [illegible].

in Monroe. She further stated that she went to Monroe, and found her daughter in a cafe, and asked her daughter to go back to Vicksburg with her, which her daughter agreed to do. She stated that at this time she contacted her daughter in the cafe, and there were two other girls with her. These girls were friends of her daughter, and their names were [illegible] COLEMAN and [illegible]. She asked these two girls to go to Vicksburg with her and her daughter. She stated that they agreed to accompany her to Vicksburg, and she bought bus tickets from Monroe, Louisiana to Vicksburg, Mississippi for them on June 3, 1943. She added that she did not know her daughter, LIZZIE T., was practicing prostitution. She did state, however, that she had seen her daughter and men together at the rooming house on many occasions.

Subject DUNLAP further stated that on the night of June 3, 1943, her daughter and the two other girls had stolen from her some wearing apparel, and went back to Monroe, Louisiana. She said that she contacted Sheriff BUCHANAN, and signed a warrant for the arrest of the three girls, charging them with the theft of her wearing apparel. Subject DUNLAP would give no excuse why she was living at the rooming house of subject [illegible], nor would she give a reason as to why she had not returned to her husband at Courtland, Mississippi.

At the time of the interview subject DUNLAP was fingerprinted by the writer, and her prints were forwarded to the Bureau with a request for a criminal record. Under date of July 8, 1943, the following criminal record of subject DUNLAP was furnished by the Bureau under FBI #[illegible]:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arr. or Received	Charge	Disposition
SO, Jackson, Miss.	Mary Dunlap, #___	6-17-43	White Slave Traffic Act	$500 bond to Grand Jury

On June 17, 1943, the facts in this case were discussed with the Honorable [illegible], Assistant United States Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi, who authorized the filing of a complaint against both subjects for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. On the same date a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner [illegible], Vicksburg, Mississippi, charging subjects with violation of Section 398, Title 18 of the United States Code, in that they did unlawfully, knowingly and wilfully and feloniously transport, and cause to be transported, and assist in obtaining transportation for, and in transporting, in interstate commerce, three (3) women, for the purpose of prostitution and debauchery, and for other immoral purposes, in that they, the said defendants, did, on or about the date and year and time aforesaid, transport, and cause to be transported, and aid and assist in obtaining transportation for, and in transporting, in interstate commerce, [illegible], from the City of Monroe in the State of

Louisiana to Vicksburg, in the State of Mississippi, three women namely, [illegible] Coleman (colored), [illegible] [illegible] (colored) and [illegible] [illegible] (colored) for the purpose of prostitution and debauchery, and for other immoral purposes, in violation of Section 398, Title 18, of the United States Code,".

A hearing was held at the Warren County Jail by Commissioner [illegible] on June 17, 1943. Both subjects pleaded not guilty, and were placed on $[illegible] bond each to await action of the Grand Jury.

A copy of each of the signed statements, together with copy of the complaint, is contained in the file on this case in the Jackson Office.

A teletype, dated June 17, 1943, was forwarded to the New Orleans Field Division advising that subjects were in custody, and an authorized complaint had been filed before the United States Commissioner at Vicksburg, Mississippi. The teletype further stated that the Jackson Office desired reports be furnished this office in regard to statements relative to victims transportation from Monroe, Louisiana to Vicksburg, Mississippi, which statements were secured by Special Agent [illegible].

By teletype dated June 17, 1943, from the New Orleans Field Division, this office was advised that copies of the report of Agent [illegible] were being forwarded to this office on the same date.

The following description of subject DUNLAP was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name	MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP, alias Mary Elizabeth Johnson
Age	31
Date of Birth	July 4, 1912
Place of Birth	[illegible], Mississippi
Height	5'6"
Weight	[illegible]
Complexion	Light brown
Build	Stout
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Scars	Jagged cut scar on right leg across knee; several marks on face
Marital status	Married – Husband-[illegible] DUNLAP [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Mississippi
Children	Daughter, [illegible], JOHNSON Monroe, Louisiana.

The following description of subject HUNT was obtained through observation and interrogation:

Name	[illegible] HUNT, alias "Regular"
Age	[illegible]
Date of birth	August [illegible], [illegible]
Place of birth	Clinton, Mississippi
Height	[illegible]
Weight	[illegible]
Complexion	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Race	Negro
Marital status	Single
Scars	Large cut scar on right thigh 2" cut scar on left side of head
Relatives	None given

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THE JACKSON FIELD DIVISION:

At Jackson, Mississippi:

will follow and report active cases of the United States Grand Jury.

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Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans

Re: [illegible]

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
[illegible] Temple Building
New Orleans [illegible], Louisiana
August [illegible], 194[illegible]

Director, FBI

Re: [illegible], alias [illegible]; [illegible]; [illegible]; [illegible]
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [illegible], Jr. dated June 10, 194[illegible] at New Orleans, Louisiana, and report of Special Agent [illegible], dated July [illegible], 194[illegible] at Jackson, Mississippi.

It is suggested that the office of origin be changed in the above captioned case from New Orleans to Jackson, inasmuch as no further investigation is being conducted in the New Orleans Field Division.

Very truly yours,

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SAC

cc: Jackson
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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT JACKSON, MISS. FILE NO. 31-3246

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-28-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-28-43	REPORT MADE BY JOHN F. KEHOE, JR. JFK:RM

TITLE MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP, WA Mary Elizabeth Johnson; LOUIS HUNT, WA "Regular"; LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON, WAS, Elvie, L.V.; AZZIE LEE BRADLEY; ELLINE COLEMAN - VICTIMS	CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Criminal record of ELVIE JOHNSON set out. Office of Origin changed.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ERNEST D. SHEFFIELD, Jackson, Miss., 7-27-43.

DETAILS: The following is a criminal record as secured from the Bureau of ELVIE JOHNSON, FBI #2803549:

PD, Monroe, La.; L.V. JOHNSON #7134; 10-1-41; D.D.W.;

SO, Monroe, La.; L.V. JOHNSON #6845; 6-5-42; disturbing the peace, 60 days jail;

SO, Vicksburg, Miss.; L.V. JOHNSON #__; 6-10-43; G.L.;

PD, Monroe, La.; LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON, #7134; 6-9-43; (prt.rec.6-16-43) G.L. (hold for Sheriff, Vicksburg, Miss.) Rel. to Sheriff Vicksburg, Miss.

Under letter dated Sept. 4, 1943 the Bureau authorized the Office of Origin to be changed in instant case from the New Orleans Field Division to the Jackson Field Division.

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To: SAC, Jackson

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP, was, ET AL
LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON, was., ET AL, VICTIMS
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Mr. Tolson
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Miss Gandy

A review of the Bureau file in the above-entitled case reflects that the latest report from your office, the office or origin, in this case is that of Special Agent Ernest D. Sheffield, dated July 27, 1943 at Jackson, Mississippi, which reflected that subjects were held on a White Slave Traffic Act complaint and were awaiting action by the Grand Jury. You are requested to submit a report reflecting the present status of this case.

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FILE NO. 31-268

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CHANGED MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP, alias, Mary Elizabeth Johnson; LIZZIE VICTORIA JOHNSON, alias Elvie, L.V.; AZZIE LEE BRADLEY; ELLINE COLEMAN - VICTIMS	WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject DUNLAP, negro, arrested Vicksburg, Miss. SO, 6/17/43 charged with causing 3 negro victims to be transported from Monroe, La. toVicksburg, Miss. for purposes of prostitution. Subject DUNLAP and LOUIS HUNT arraigned before USC, Vicksburg, Miss. 6/7/43 on authorized complaint and released on $500 bond. Indictment returned against subject DUNLAP by US Grand Jury, Jackson, Miss. 11/6/43 charging subject with violation of WSTA. Subject DUNLAP plead guilty USD, Vicksburg, Miss. 11/17/43 and sentenced to $25 fine and 30 days in jail. Disposition sheet submitted, subject's criminal record set forth. Original informant notified.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent ERNEST D. SHEFFIELD dated Jackson, Mississippi, 7/27/43.
Report of Special Agent JOHN F. KEHOE, JR. dated 9/28/43.

DETAILS:

The title of instant case is being changed to reflect the dropping of subject LOUIS HUNT, with alias, "REGULAR" from the title of this case. Subject HUNT is being dropped inasmuch as the United States Grand Jury sitting at Jackson, Mississippi, during November, 1943 term, failed to return an indictment against him.

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Subject, MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP, was originally arrested by the Sheriff's office at Vicksburg, Mississippi, June 7, 1943 having been charged with transportation of the victims in instant case, all negroes, from Monroe, Louisiana, to Vicksburg, Mississippi for purposes of prostitution. An authorized complaint was originally filed against subject DUNLAP and LOUIS HUNT, alias, "REGULAR" before United States Commissioner, Vicksburg, Mississippi, on June 7, 1943 and both subjects were placed on $500 bond after entering pleas of guilty. The United States Grand Jury sitting at Jackson, Mississippi, returned an indictment against subject DUNLAP November 6, 1943 charging her with transportation of victims in instant case from Monroe, Louisiana, to Vicksburg, Mississippi on or about June 3, 1943. United States Grand Jury failed to return an indictment against LOUIS HUNT.

United States District Court docket #3587, Vicksburg, Mississippi, reflects that subject DUNLAP entered a plea of guilty on November 17, 1943 before United States District Court Judge SIDNEY C. MIZE, at which time she was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail and pay $25 fine. The following is a criminal record of subject received from the Bureau:

BPD, Jackson, Miss.	Mary A Dunlap, #—	6/17/43	White Slave Traffic Act	$500 bond to Grand Jury

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A disposition sheet is being submitted to the Bureau together with this report as an enclosure.

The Sheriff of Warren County has been informed of the disposition of instant case.

ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU: 1 disposition sheet concerning MARY ELIZABETH DUNLAP

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